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USDOC FOR MARAD/ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLACKWELL

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SUBJ: US/USSR MARITIME RELATIONS

1. IGOR AVERIN, CHIEF, FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE, CALLED IN ECON COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF ON JANUARY 28 TO DISCUSS SEVERAL BILATERAL MATTERS. FIRST, HE RETURNED US TEXTS OF NEW MARITIME AGREEMENT SIGNED BY MINISTER GUZHENKO. TEXTS HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO TREICHEL, EUR/SOV UNDER REGISTRY NO. 1624976.

2. AVERIN PRESENTED SET OF REGISTRY OF SOVIET SHIPS ALONG WITH SUPPLEMENTS FOR BLACKWELL AS PROMISED DURING MARITIME TALKS LAST DECEMBER. HE EXPLAINED THAT LAST SUPPLEMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN MID-1974 AND THAT FOLLOW-ON WOULD NOT BE PRINTED UNTIL MID-1976. TO BRIDGE GAP TO PRESENT, HE PREPARED A STATISTICAL APPENDIX UNDER COVER OF A LETTER TO BLACKWELL. AVERIN ASKED THAT APPENDIX BE FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY AND THAT CONTENTS NOT BE PUBLISHED. SOVIET PUBLICATIONS, AVERIN LETTER, WITH EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION, STATISTICAL APPENDIX, AND SET OF PHOTOGRAPHS FOR BLACKWELL ARE BEING POUCHED TO BOURDON/MARAD UNDER REGISTRY NO. 1624977.

2. REGARDING WORKING GROUP MEETING TENTATIVELY FIXED FOR MARCH IN WASHINGTON, AVERIN SAID MEMBERS OF SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD BE:

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USSR DELEGATION WILL WANT TO DISCUSS BULK CARGO RATES.

SOVIET IDEAS AND POSITIONS WILL BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH

EMBASSY TO WASHINGTON SOMETIME AFTER MID-FEBRUARY. AVERIN

ADDED THAT HE HAS "GREAT PERSONAL DIFFICULTY" WITH EXIST-

ING RATE SYSTEM AS MINISTRY OF FINANCE IS HECTORING HIM

ABOUT EXCESSIVE EXPENDITURES.

4. AVERIN MENTIONED THAT JANUARY 26 MEETING WITH THREE

US SHIPPING EXECUTIVES PRODUCED "PROMISING" RESULTS BUT

SOVIETS HAD WARNED THAT BILATERAL SHIPMENTS OF LINER CARGO

WILL DECLINE AFTER 1976 UNLESS THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE

STATUS OF MFN AND CREDITS FOR THE USSR.

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